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News you can use

NASCAR driver Ricky Rudd visits Robins Thursday

Ricky Rudd, driver of NASCAR Nextel Air Force co-sponsored car, will visit Robins Thursday, 1-2:30 p.m., and sign autographs at the Wynn Dining Facility. Wristbands will be given out to the first 125 people at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Wynn Dining Facility. You must have a wristband to receive an autograph, with a limit of two per person. The facility will be re-opening Thursday with new NASCAR memorabilia and décor as voted on by enlisted members.

— From staff reports

School PTO yard sale/bake sale set for Saturday

Robins Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization will host a yard sale/bake sale in the school's cafeteria Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Sally Papciak, volunteer coordinator, at 328-2098.

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Tattoo Ceremony casting call coming soon

The 2005 Tattoo Ceremony committee is looking for actors for roles in this year's April 26 ceremony. Volunteers are also needed to help with the ceremony. If you'd like to volunteer or try out for an acting role, contact Master Sgt. Matt Ogle at 327-7348 or matthew.ogle@robins.af.mil.

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Historic Forest Ceremony trees can be ordered now

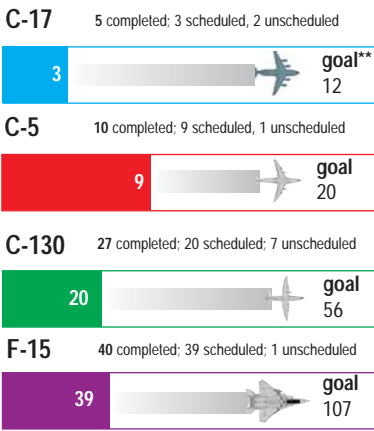
Environmental Management will host the Historic Forest Ceremony at 9 a.m. April 22 at the Parade Field, near Warner Robins and Fifth streets. The original historic forest, located west of Building 215, was established in 1994. The new forest was planted in 2000. These forests were established to encourage the planting of trees and foster an appreciation of American heritage. The trees are offspring of trees located on properties once owned by or associated with Americans such as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

If you would like to memorialize someone, contact Marilyn DeMetrick at 926-1197 extension 174.

— From staff reports

Aircraft Maintenance Output

The information below reflects Robins' progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of March 8.



**Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don't count toward fiscal year goals.

Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, 402nd Maintenance Wing

U.S. Air Force graphic by Angela Trunzo

Robins 3-day forecast

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today
Sunny to partly cloudy



60/42

Saturday
Sunny to partly cloudy



60/38

Sunday
Sunny to partly cloudy



68/44

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RevUp

Friday, March 11, 2005

Robins Air Force Base, Ga.



New wings stand up

By Lanorris Askew

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Robins soared toward the end of its reorganization journey by welcoming three new wings March 4, cementing its embrace of Air Force Materiel

Command's makeover to resemble the rest of the Air Force.

The ceremony, held at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar, activated the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, 402nd Maintenance

Wing and the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing.

"Change isn't easy, but it is necessary, and in this case our national security hangs in the balance," said Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, in his opening remarks.

"Today is a unique day for the United States Air Force, AFMC and particularly Robins Air Force Base."

The general said although each wing has its own mission and its own role in supporting the war fighter, the wings are

still a part of one team.

"A team with a new structure that has been re-tuned for greater efficiency in delivering war winning capabilities to the war fighter," he said. "The new

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Lt. Gen. William R. Looney III, Aeronautical Systems Center commander, has been nominated for promotion to general.

Commander nominated to receive fourth star

By 1st Lt. David Cromwell

Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFMCNS) – President Bush has nominated Lt. Gen. William R. Looney III for promotion to general and to be the next commander of Air Education and Training Command, Air Force officials announced Feb. 28.

General Looney is currently the commander of the Aeronautical Systems Center here.

His nomination must be confirmed by the Senate. When the Senate confirms the nomination, he would then be slated to assume command of AETC from Gen. Donald G. Cook who

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653rd CLSS repairs C-130s at ANG base

By Holly L. Birchfield

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Airmen from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and the C-130 System Program Office are working on four aircraft damaged by a tornado that whirled through New Castle Air National Guard Base, Del., in late September.

The Airmen arrived at the Air National Guard base days after powerful winds swept aircraft nearly 100 yards, causing more than \$75 million in damage to the C-130E aircraft.

Master Sgt. Scott Elliott, 653rd CLSS Aircraft General Section chief, has served as the assessment and damage repair team lead in the eight-month project, and said he was glad Robins could help.

"It was a pretty bad situation," he said. "We went up and evaluated the damage to see what we could do to fix them. One of the aircraft had been

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The next best thing to being there



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, Airman 1st Class Zach Lauritzen hangs from the harness trainer during his 'jump'. Below, Dave Dawson holds training goggles that simulate a parachute jump using virtual reality.

COURSE PREPARES STUDENTS FOR PARACHUTE JUMPING USING VIRTUAL REALITY TECHNOLOGY

By Lanorris Askew

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When you're plunging toward the earth at speeds of up to 20 feet per second there isn't a lot of time to think about your next course of action – Dave Dawson makes sure his students don't have to.

His job as the 19th Air Refueling Group's aircrew continuation training specialist uses a device, called the Virtual Reality Hanging Harness Trainer, to give students a semi-realistic parachute jumping scenario.

"We re-familiarize or re-teach aircrew members (every three years) what they were taught during initial aircrew training," said Mr. Dawson.

The course is divided into two parts. The first portion is classroom instruction, where they learn to properly wear parachutes and survival equipment. They also learn how to get safely from the aircraft to the ground, and survival techniques after they land.

Following that, the students step into the world of virtual reality when they are strapped into a hanging harness dressed in complete survival gear.

The simulator allows them to hang from



the harness just a few inches from the ground while experiencing the feel of a 4,000-foot jump through the use of a helmet and goggles. It may not seem like a lifelike experience to the casual observer, but for the student it's realistic.

Mr. Dawson said the trainer is connected to a computer system which allows him to plug in different scenarios such as evasion or non-evasion, varying terrain, weather conditions and wind speeds. The student must remember which checklist to use for different scenarios.

Two monitors are connected to the trainer

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Campaign directly supports AF family

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Monday marked the official kick-off of Robins' 2005 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign.

With a theme of "Commitment to Caring," the six-week campaign, which raises money for official Air Force charities, is set to run through April 15.

Lt. Col. Mike Pierson, installation project officer, said the campaign differs from others, like the Combined Federal Campaign, in that it directly supports people in the Air Force now as well as the less fortunate widows and widowers of generations before us.

"Everyone needs help from their family from time to time and this is our way to help our Air Force family," he said.

First Lt. Lauren Ramsey, 78th Air Base Wing unit project officer for the campaign, said it's a great way for her to get involved in the community she feels most connected – the Air Force community.

"I think it's important for people to give because the money they donate comes back

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How to help

People can contribute through cash, check, money order or payroll deduction to the following charities:

■**The Air Force Aid Society.** AFAS provides Airmen and their families worldwide emergency financial assistance, education assistance and an array of base-level community-enhancement programs.

■**The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow's Fund.** The Air Force Enlisted Village, located in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. near Eglin Air Force Base, provides rent subsidy and other support to indigent widows and widowers of retired enlisted Airmen 55 and older.

■**The Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund.** The Air Force Village is a life-care community in San Antonio, Texas for retired officers, spouses, widows or widowers and family members.

■**The General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.** The foundation provides rent and financial assistance to indigent widows and widowers of officers and enlisted Airmen in their own homes and communities.

For more information, visit www.afassistancefund.org.

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wing, group and squadron structure enforces a basic principle of war – unity of command, but we are also united in our purpose.”

Following the activation of each wing, the organization’s new leader came forward to share a few words. Under the new structure, the leader of the wings will be called “commanders” if they are military officers and “director” if they are civilians.

“Today is not about me,” said Col. Rick Matthews, 330th ASW commander. “It’s about this awesome new team that we’ve assembled here. A wing that merges five separate groups into a unit that will collectively shape and manage sustainment activities on over 5,500 aircraft and systems whose missions include everything from air dominance to combat search and rescue.”

He added that the wing’s history started March 4, but the five groups have a long record of providing unparalleled customer and war fighter support.

“It’s up to us all to harness the power this new wing provides us,” he said. “It has the potential of being much greater than the sum of its five parts.”

Ken Percell, 402nd MXW director, echoed those sentiments.

“The challenge before us is to take this already great maintenance organization at Robins Air Force Base and turn it into a world class organization,” he said, “one that is able to address all of the challenges presented by the global war on terrorism. I look forward to a fantastic leadership team here at the Center with my other wing and group commanders working together to exercise those capabilities from good to great.”

Quoting Theodore Roosevelt in his remarks, John Blair, 542nd

CSW director, said:

“Far away the best prize life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”

He added that with an organization of about 3,000 military, civilian and contract personnel supporting Air Force weapons systems used by military forces to bring freedom to other countries and protect the freedom enjoyed in this country is clearly work worth doing.

“I pledge to work hard with the support of the men and women of the 542nd to do the very best we can to ensure that our military forces have the best support possible,” he said.

“This journey not only establishes a structure that is inline with the rest of the Air Force in terms of wings, groups and squadrons, but most importantly it aligns us with Department of Defense and Air Force goals of providing the best base organizations providing combat capability to our forces.”

The new wings



Col. Rick Matthews is the 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing commander.

The 330th Aircraft Sustainment Wing consolidates responsibility of more than 5,500 aircraft, 1,800 personnel and a budget of \$5.8 billion. The wing manages the Air Force's fleet of C- 130, C- 5, C-141, C-17, F-15, U-2, and the E-8C Joint STARS aircraft with a total value of \$200 billion. The wing is composed of five groups.



Ken Percell is the 402nd Maintenance Wing director.

The 402nd Maintenance Wing is comprised of a 7,000 member team which manages depot-level maintenance production and manufacturing facilities and laboratories in the restoration of Air Force equipment, and is responsible for sustainment of avionic and electric warfare systems and depot maintenance for four aircraft weapon systems. The wing is composed of five groups.



John Blair is the 542nd Combat Sustainment director.

The 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing, comprised of more than 2,800 workers, installs, distributes, modernizes and sustains combat systems for the Department of Defense and foreign military sales customers. It is responsible for the life-cycle management of more than 800 systems. The wing is composed of six groups.



U.S. Air Force photo

Airmen from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron and the 166th Air Wing remove the rudder from a C-130E damaged by tornados in late September at New Castle Air National Guard Base, Del.

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thrown about 80 yards and then crashed near the taxiway. Two planes that were sitting together ended up on top of each other. The total evaluation of the planes took about four days.”

Sergeant Elliott said the project was challenging, but demonstrates people in his unit pull together to get a job done.

“Moving the damaged aircraft from the taxiway was one of the most challenging parts of the project,” he said. “We rented a crane to remove them from

the runway where they landed, so we could work on them. There’s a lot of work that goes into this kind of project and a lot of satisfaction.”

The team has racked up more than 4,000 man hours assessing and repairing the damaged aircraft using salvageable parts from aircraft that were un-repairable.

Master Sgt. Randy Anderson, 653rd CLSS Tactical Element Section chief, said the job has proved successful so far.

“It feels great to know we’re able to help,” he said. “This is what we’re trained to do. We have a great bunch of men and

women up here, and all of them know their jobs.”

Chief Master Sgt. Patrick Schulte, equipment maintenance supervisor with the 166th Air Wing, an Air National Guard unit based in New Castle, Del., agreed.

“I think they’ve done a great job,” he said. “When the storm first hit, we had four out of eight aircraft here heavily damaged. Within a few days, they were on site and got things stabilized. They’ve done an outstanding job since they arrived. I’m amazed every day.”

Crews are expected to complete the repair project and return to Robins by mid-May.

FAMILY

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directly to help fellow Airmen and their families,” she said. “It’s important for us to take care of each other; that is what community support is all about.”

The Expeditionary Medical Operations Flight commander at the 78th Medical Group’s Aerospace Medicine Squadron said it’s rewarding to be an active participant in the campaign because she knows that the Air Force Assistance Fund is committed to providing aid during times of hopelessness and despair.

“Last year Team Robins received \$339,671 in assistance and donated \$65,890 to the Air Force Aid Society,” she said. “It’s very easy for anyone to give this year – you can donate with cash, check, money order or payroll deduction. Just con-

tact your unit point of contact to obtain a donation form.”

According to the official Air Force Aid Society Web site, the AFAS is the official charity of the United States Air Force incorporated in 1942 as a non-profit organization whose mission is to help relieve financial distress of Air Force members and their families and to assist them in financing their higher education goals.

Active duty and retired Air Force members and their dependents are eligible for AFAS assistance, as are the dependents of deceased Air Force personnel who died on active duty or in retired status.

Since its inception, the Air Force Aid Society has provided education and community enhancement programs and emergency assistance.

Airmen benefit from it in programs like Give Parents a Break – a stress relieving child care option for parents; Phone

Home – phone cards purchased for deployed members; Spouse Tuition Assistance; and Bundles for Babies – a bundle of gifts for new and expectant parents.

Airmen also are eligible to receive monetary emergency assistance for unexpected car repairs, emergency travel, funeral expenses and medical bills.

Colonel Pierson said even though key workers will only make personal contact with military members, everyone at Robins may contribute to the campaign.

“Civilians, contractors, and any organization or group may donate by contacting me or any AFAF key worker,” he said. “Organizations at other bases are planning special events, like bake sales, to support AFAF this year. I’d like to see something similar happen here.”

Key worker names and information about AFAF can be found on the Robins Air Force Base home page.

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is scheduled to retire.

Air Education and Training Command, headquartered at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, is responsible for the recruiting, training and education of Air Force personnel. The command consists of 13 bases,

more than 66,000 active-duty members and 15,000 civilians.

“Serving with the men and women of ASC has been a privilege,” General Looney said. “This has been my ninth command and it has been very professionally rewarding to perform a mission that is so vitally important to our nation and to our Air Force. However, it’s people that make our Air Force

the best in the world, and I’m looking forward to new challenges and responsibilities at AETC.”

General Looney’s replacement as ASC commander has not been announced.

Editor’s note: Chuck Paone, Electronic Systems Center Public Affairs, contributed to this article.

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that feed and receive information to and from the student.

One monitor is an instructor monitor where the student’s weight and scenarios are plugged in prior to the jump. The other shows what the student sees while wearing the goggles.

The helmet and goggles employ split second technology that tracks the student’s head position as he or she looks up or down, allowing other students and the instructor to see what he or she is seeing. When the jump is over, it can be replayed from either a stationary observer’s point of view – someone who is on the ground watching the decent – or from another parachuting person’s view. The com-

puter scores the jump and then the class can critique it.

Although the trainer is a great training aid, the student must do the hard work of running down the parachute descent checklist depending on altitude and weather conditions before he or she lands. They must also pick the best spot to land. If conditions change, the student must be able to adapt to it.

The class takes about three hours.

“It allows us to do the training in the classroom where we eliminate the risk of injury that can occur during a real jump,” said Mr. Dawson. “This is great because their job is not jumping; their job is to fly the aircraft, and in the worst case scenario, get out if it’s not going to make it back to a base and safely get home.”

The piece of equipment

serves as a trainer for the entire aircrew; pilot, copilot, navigators and boom operators. As far as the benefits it gives to the crew members, the cost is nominal.

“It’s a pretty good tool,” said Mr. Dawson, who was also a trainer during his 20-year active duty career. “For what the Air Force paid for it, they’ve more than gotten their money back.”

The trainer is used throughout Air Mobility Command, and according to KC-135 boom operator Airman 1st Class Zach Lauritzen, it’s a great confidence builder.

“You go through the initial training and have it in memory, but to have a machine like that really helps you out,” he said. “I am confident that if I ever had to bail out of the aircraft, I’m equipped with the right tools now.”

Activites challenge teams, promote camaraderie

By Lanorris Askew
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Lynne Brackett and the staff at the Smith Community Center wanted to come up with a way to help people at Robins get out and have some fun while also improving their team building skills.

After a few weeks with their thinking caps on, the 3C Challenge was born.

“The 3 Cs stand for commitment, camaraderie and cohesiveness because that’s what we’re promoting,” said the community center director. “Whenever I brief this program I tell people to come out and have fun because the games are silly, but that’s why they’re so much fun.”

If you’ve ever wanted to play pool with a remote control car or become a human game piece in a giant trivial pursuit, this challenge is for you.

According to Ms. Brackett the program is loosely based on the commander’s trophy points concept where groups and

squadrons receive points for winning various athletic events. In the 3C Challenge however you receive pogs, which are small plastic coins, just for participation and even more if you place first, second or third in the competitions. The squadron collecting the most pogs in a quarter wins a traveling trophy and base-wide recognition.

“That’s the fun thing about it,” said Ms. Brackett. “You’re actually given something you can hold in your hand so you feel like you’ve actually earned something.”

The program kicked off in January and although she admits it’s been a slow start, Ms. Brackett has high hopes.



Lynne Brackett is the director of the Smith Community Center.

What to know

3C Challenge programs are geared for all age groups. For more information, call Lynne Brackett at 926-2105. **For a list of March activities, turn to the Services briefs on the Planner page, 2B.**

“I know that going out and playing games like remote control pool or giant trivia will never be the answer to solving problems that some of these people have, but it offers alternatives. It gives them something to do as well as a way to get to know other people in their work areas.”

Tech. Sgt. Michael McKiver, Logistics Readiness Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of fuels distribution, said his first challenge was exactly that – challenging, but it was also a lot of fun.

“We went out and didn’t really know what we were getting ourselves into,” he said of the

remote control pool tournament. “My son has one of those cars at home, and he can race it all over the house. But it was really hard to use it to get the balls in the holes.”

The LRS 3C representative said he thinks the program is great and once there is more participation the competition will be even more intense.

“I think they’ve done a great job putting it all together and I will be going back out for more events,” he said.

An entire year of events has been planned, but Ms. Brackett said if people have their own ideas she is always open.

“The competitions we offer don’t require you to be a super athlete or even particularly good at the events because they’re for fun,” she said. “You can bring your friends from work or from the dorms to form teams or you can even bring your family. The games are structured to reach a wide range of people and open to military, civilians and contractors.

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANTS SELECTEES

WR-ALC Sharon L. Ward	78th Security Forces Squadron Kelly L. Hight	116th Maintenance Squadron Michael D. Hynson Clay A. Nodes
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	116th Air Control Wing Jacob E. Robinson Andrea R. Johnson	

Retreat from both sides of the street

Leaders who show zest for life help mold outlook

By Staff Sgt. Stephani Bair
Airman Leadership School instructor

FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. (AFPN) – One cold and rainy day I stood in the parking lot across the street from the wing headquarters building with two of my troops to participate in retreat.

While we stood firmly at parade rest, waiting for the flag to lower in honor of our great nation and in memory of the courageous men and women who served before us, we observed the group of noncommissioned officers preparing for the detail. Three of the NCOs stood at the pole and appeared to be greatly enjoying a conversation.

Even though they had taken the halcyons into their hands they continued to talk and laugh. Nine other NCOs lined up shoulder to shoulder just off the curb in front of the steps to the wing headquarters building. Some of them stood at parade rest, some at attention, and others hung out casually, hands in pockets, all of them still talking.

What could be more important to twelve NCOs than the privilege of lowering our nation's flag in honor of those that have given their all?

At the Airman Leadership School we perform reveille and retreat with our students several times during the course.

I will be the first to admit that our performance at the flag pole is not always flawless. Sometimes students find it impossible to remain steady at parade rest and they shift to wipe the sweat from their brow, or they get distracted by traffic passing by.

Students have chuckled and shaken their heads at countless incidents happening across the street.

Pedestrians, both uniformed and in civilian attire, stroll by without even pausing to acknowledge the music on the loud speaker system. These are motorists and pedestrians passing by without a care in the

world that the flag which represents sacrifice, bloodshed and freedom is calling the end to yet another day.

For many years I found it very difficult to understand how people could show such little regard, or loose their military bearing during such an important and meaningful ceremony. We are out of practice.

We are out of practice of performing such a detail; out of practice in giving time to observe such a detail; out of practice in teaching our troops, family and guests what reveille and retreat are all about.

This week, take a few minutes and talk with your troops, your family and your guests about a truly meaningful way to celebrate the accomplishments of our military members past and present. Tell them how our brothers and sisters fighting the war today are doing so for a noble reason.

Talk to your troops about how it should be a privilege to stand tall and proudly salute our nation's flag.

Explain to them that when in uniform and the first note of reveille or retreat sounds, they should be at parade rest.

And when To the Colors or the National Anthem plays, come to attention and salute smartly. For those in civilian attire, it is as simple as stopping and standing still during Reveille or Retreat and placing their hand over their heart for the playing of To the Colors or the National Anthem.

Better yet, take your troops and family to the parade grounds or wherever the retreat ceremony is held at your base and watch a squadron perform the detail. Think about what it means to be an American fighting in forces which guard our country and our way of life.

You have pledged your life in the defense of this great nation. Take responsibility for your actions, be proud and teach others the importance of demonstrating the pride and professionalism that make us, not only the world's supreme air power, but the greatest nation on earth.

By Maj. David Carlson
52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – Recently, I read an article that rated attitude as the No. 1 trait for success among leaders. I've observed that the vast majority of leaders and mentors I've known throughout my life, who have helped mold and shape me into the person I am today, radiated a positive attitude.

Each of them may have defined and exemplified success in their lives differently, but what made them so fun, exciting and influential in my life was their positive attitude, their zest for life. In every case, their positive attitudes defied the many challenges that they may have had to face and overcome.

Maintaining a positive attitude, despite life's trials and challenges, is a conscious choice. When I was in college, Dr. Victor Frankl's book, "Man's Search for Meaning," was mandatory reading for one of my classes. In his book, Dr. Frankl describes how his attitude and that of other Holocaust survivors helped them survive the horrors of the Nazi death camps.

Regarding attitude, Dr Frankl shares the following: "... everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms – to choose one's own attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

If Dr. Frankl and others could control their attitude in the most oppressive of circumstances, how much easier should it be for us, given so much freedom and opportunity, to "choose our own way" – to choose our attitude.

To obtain and maintain a positive attitude, the first place you need to start is with your very own thoughts. In his book, "As a Man Thinketh," Dr. James Allen, the 19th century Englishman and father of the self-help movement says, "You yourself are maker of yourself by virtue of the thoughts which you choose and encourage; that mind is the master weaver, both of the inner garment of character and the outer garment of circumstance, and that, as you my have hitherto woven in ignorance and pain, you may now weave in enlightenment and happiness."

In another quote, he states, "Mind is the master power that moulds and makes, and man is mind and evermore he takes the tool of thought, and shaping what he

wills, brings forth a thousand joys, a thousand ills – He thinks in secret and it comes to pass; environment is but his looking glass." Bottom line: To have a good attitude, you must think about positive things.

It is important that each and every one of us occasionally accomplishes an attitude check on ourselves. Ask yourself, "How does my attitude affect my self esteem, my unit, my friends and my family?" or "Am I allowing outside influences, such as the weather, a high ops tempo or a micro-managing supervisor that I have little to no control over to affect my behavior and my attitude?" Most of the time when I take stock of my attitude, I realize that there is always room for improvement and I try to do better.

Airmen have so much to be thankful for and be positive about. The opportunity to live in foreign countries, to experience the people, culture, language and traditions; and most importantly, the opportunity to serve the greatest freedom-loving nation on the face of the earth in the most important conflict of our time.

A positive attitude is the key to winning this conflict and any other challenge we face in life. And a positive attitude starts with you.

Encouraging individual excellence ensures focus on team goals

By Lt. Col. Scott Forest
E-3A Aircrew Training Squadron commander

GEILENKIRCHEN NATO AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – We all know excellence is an important Air Force core value that we are each challenged to apply daily in our actions, our attitudes and in our planning and decision making. All Airmen have a responsibility to encourage, recognize and deliver individual excellence.

Rewarding excellence encourages it, and there are many ways to reward it. When rewarding or recognizing individual excellence in our teammates, Airmen must use a variety of methods, match them to the circumstances and keep individual recognition in the right context.

As we finish the Air Force's "season" of annual awards banquets and ceremonies, it is a good time to reflect on how each of us encouraged and recognized excellence in our workplaces, our wingmen, our teammates, in our families and in ourselves in 2004. Did we achieve our goals? Did we help each other to reward or recognize individuals who achieved excellence? Did I achieve excellence and acknowledge it in others?

As I answered these questions and others in reflecting on my successes and failures this past year, I remembered a situation in December 2003 that reinforced some lessons about recognizing and

rewarding individual excellence. I had taken command of a squadron with members from 13 nations four months earlier and was surprised that I did not find a current or historical unit program to recognize outstanding performers. I set out to correct that.

To lay out a vision, I proposed to the international leadership in the squadron – several flight commanders, senior NCOs, and field grade officers – what I thought was a modest "crawl-walk-run" plan for nominating, selecting and rewarding outstanding performers. I was totally unprepared for their reaction.

Not only did they not want it, ("so much for consensus," I thought) but they firmly asserted it would hurt the unit and be detrimental to good order, discipline and morale. They had a completely different perspective than mine. They felt strongly that recognition of individual excellence took away from the team concept. I, on the other hand, felt strongly that we would enhance and encourage team performance if individuals were striving for team goals and their performance was rewarded. After good discussion, I asked for hands in favor of the program ... not even close. Only one went up. I relented.

I'm glad I did, because in this context they were right. Our squadron did not start and does not have an individual recognition program. But, we developed encourage-

ment that is more appropriate and more effective-based on the background and culture of our personnel. On a personal level, I did not consider that experience a failure, but I did re-learn some things.


First, there are many effective ways to promote individual excellence in ourselves and others. Leaders, supervisors and teammates need to use all of them in appropriate places and times – a kind word, a handwritten note, a handshake or a formal write-up – Airmen and wingmen have a proud tradition of doing these things for each other.

Second, I realized I had been trained, immersed and coached in an Air Force culture that promoted and allowed recognition of individual excellence and team excellence; a culture in which the two were not mutually exclusive; and a culture in which rewarding it encourages it. I had taken this for granted, and now I agree with it and appreciate it even more.

Third, our pursuit of individual excellence must be aligned with our team's pursuit of excellence. To benefit our country, we must pursue our core value of excellence just as strongly for our teams and institutions as we do for ourselves.

So as I send my mess dress to the dry cleaners to prepare for the next set of award ceremonies, I am reminded to keep individual excellence and recognition in its context, the team context.

Commander's Action Line



Col. Greg Patterson
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

Security Forces.....	327-3445
Services Division.....	926-5491
EEO Office.....	926-2131
MEO.....	926-6608
Employee Relations...	926-5802
Military Pay.....	926-3777
IDEA.....	926-2536
Base hospital.....	327-7850
Civil engineering.....	926-5657
Public Affairs.....	926-2137
Safety Office.....	926-6271
Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline.....	926-2393
Housing Office.....	926-3776

Healthy heart

With the recent emphasis on health and wellness of the work force, is there a plan to incorporate more heart healthy food selections throughout the base at the snack shops, base restaurants and food trucks?

Commander's reply: Thank you for your comments about the menu selections at Services eating establishments. We share your concern about the health of our work force, and have taken steps to better educate our customers about the healthy choices that are available in our facilities. You will find healthy choices with caloric and fat content information displayed at the Wynn Dining Facility

and the Bowling Center. The Base Restaurant and snack bars will be complete by March 20, and the remainder of Services eateries by early April.

If you have additional concerns about the menu selections, please talk to the manager in each facility or John Filler, the Business Flight Chief, at 926-5491.

Remember to slow down

There have been

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speeding tickets issued calendar year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles =	3 points
11 - 15 miles =	4 points
16 - 20 miles =	5 points
21+ miles =	6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers

is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home.

The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren't subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

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Personnel center provides customers with answers around the clock

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Daily 24-hour-a-day support, without having to leave your home or office makes the Air Force Personnel Contact Center the top choice when it comes to guidance and assistance with personnel issues.

The mission of the center, located at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, is to provide faster, simpler personnel support, integrate the delivery of AFPC service and support deployed operations.

To accomplish that mission, the center puts access to customer service, career enhancement, employment and formal training, relocating, special programs and retirements and separations questions at its customer's fingertips.

Senior Master Sgt. Mike Hall, superintendent of the 78th Air Base Wing Military

Personnel Flight here, said the center has been around since 2002 and is unique because it gives its customers the ability to have access to the personnel community on a 24-hour basis.

He explained that the center is one of the ways the Air Force is moving toward a more Web-based human resource system.

"In the next five or six years the Air Force is getting ready to transition to making the contact center the primary means of military members



Senior Master Sgt. Mike Hall is the superintendent of the 78th Military Personnel Flight at Robins.

receiving personnel information," he said. "At that time, the Military Personnel Flight will be dramatically downsized and the center will be the centralized MPF for the entire Air Force."

Currently the center can be accessed by phone, e-mail, Web or fax, and answers to various personnel questions are usually returned within 24 hours – even if the customer is away from his or her home station.

Agents are available to assist customers in online chats or if the customer wishes to speak with someone live they can request a call back at a later time. A database with previously resolved problems is available in the frequently asked questions section of the Web site and may save customers valuable time.

"We get used to face-to-face contact and historically in the military environment we're used to coming to the MPF and

having that interaction with a person to solve our issues," said Sergeant Hall. "Some people feel more comfortable face-to-face while others are used to automation and feel more comfortable with the computer. The most important plus to the center is cutting out the middle man by getting personnel information first hand from the people who own the process."

He called the center an extension of the MPF.

"Our goal is to execute human resource programs for our active duty military, Guard, Reserve and retirees and their families," he said. "Some of those programs include assignments, retirement programs, separations, retraining, awards and decorations."

We want to give the same information the same way every time."

What to know

The Air Force Personnel Contact Center is open 24 hours-a day, except for New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Its services are available to all active duty members and their immediate family members, civilian employees, Guard and Reserve and retirees. Information may be obtained through any of the following:

E-mail: Contact.Center@randolph.af.mil
Toll free: 1 (800) 616-3775
Commercial: (210) 565-5000
DSN: 665-5000
Fax (COMM) (210) 565-1239 or (210) 565-0162
Fax (DSN) 665-1239 or 665-0162

Professionalism a way of life for Airmen

By Holly L. Birchfield
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Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Mann, a flight instructor who teaches leadership and professionalism concepts to Airmen at the Robins Airman Leadership School, said true professionalism goes much deeper than the surface.

"The total concept of professionalism includes everything from how you wear your uniform to how you behave as a member of the United States Air Force," he said. "It's about coming to the understanding that you're part of something bigger than yourself. You're not just an individual anymore. You're now part of the military."

As part of the military,

Airmen are expected to exhibit an attitude and image that reflects the Air Force's core values, he said.

"When you're addressing someone of higher rank, you should always use their full rank," he said. "We're military members, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week – even when we're off base. It doesn't matter if you're in uniform on base or off base, you're still lower ranking, and you should always exhibit that professional image and attitude."

While in most cases military members are expected to address fellow servicemembers with their full rank, Sergeant Mann said a more casual address may be used among those of same rank, depending on the individuals'

What to know

For more information on the Air Force standard of professionalism, consult Air Force Instruction 926-2618.

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preference and the situation.

Accountability of one's appearance and attitude is part of living up to the standard, Sergeant Mann said.

"If you can look in a mirror and see that your (name tag) is off a little bit, but it's close enough – you should take the time to fix it," he said. "It's about making sure your appearance is right. If we allow unprofessional conduct and appearance to continue, we're setting the wrong standard."

Public health evaluators ensure proper measures are in place for better health

By Holly L. Birchfield
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Always looking for the worst in things may seem pessimistic, but for public health evaluators it’s how they make sure people at Robins stay healthy.

The 78th Aeromedical Squadron’s Public Health Flight’s two public health evaluators inspect the base’s 52 food establishments and 16 public facilities on a monthly to bian-nual basis.

And, the tools of the trade are flashlights and temperature gauges.

Tech. Sgt. Mignon Dewberry, public health techni-cian, said there’s no area left unnoticed.

“With food facilities, we go into the kitchen areas and look at the facility in general,” she said. “We’re looking at kitchen areas to make sure workers are using proper sanitation tech-niques. That means food is received in wholesome quality, stored and cooked at the correct temperatures. We’re making sure floors are clean and looking at the overall sanitation of kitchens.”

Evaluators use their tempera-ture gauges to check the ambi-ent temperature of facilities’ freezers and coolers, shine flashlights behind various kitchen equipment, doorways and crevices of the area to ensure the areas are insect-free, as well as inspect the security of food storage to ensure food is protected from tampering.

In addition, the sergeant said the employees’ personal hygiene practices on the job are scrutinized.

“We also look at food service workers to make sure they’re wearing the proper hair restraints to prevent hair from falling in the food,” she said. “We check to see how long their nails are and how their clothing looks when they’re preparing



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Tech. Sgt. Mignon Dewberry checks the temperature of food on the food line at the Wynn Dining Facility. The sergeant is one of two public health evaluators who inspect the base’s 52 food estab-lishments and 16 public facilities on a monthly to biannual basis.

the food. All of those things fac-tor into their rating.”

Equipment, food workers’ clothing and the health of work-ers preparing and serving food are all factored into the facility’s final rating at the end of the one-to two-hour inspection.

Public facilities on base, such as the Child Development Centers, the Fitness Center and in-home daycare providers, are held to similar standards.

Those places undergo rou-tine reviews of children’s immunization records, and tools and equipment used to serve patrons are inspected to ensure the best sanitation practices are in place.

Passing the inspection test is tough, the 30-year-old Alabama native said.

“Something as minor as a lid being off of a trash can could mean the difference between an excellent and a marginal rat-ing,” she said.

Those with a marginal or unsatisfactory rating, along with

those exhibiting a downward spiral of sanitation practices are given no more than five busi-ness days to correct the problem before higher supervisors are notified, according to Capt. Juan Leon, public health section officer who manages the sec-tion’s food safety program.

Food and sanitation inspec-tors periodically conduct food vulnerability studies to review how food is handled from the time of delivery to the time of consumption to ensure food is protected from any threat of a terrorist attack, the captain said.

“What we do has a base-wide impact,” he said. “Food-borne illness can (have a devas-tating effect on a large popula-tion of people).”

As part of the mission to pro-tect food served at Robins, eval-uators conduct periodic training with food service workers and managers to maintain their awareness of proper sanitation and food preparation regula-tions and practices.

“Food safety is not necessar-ily common sense,” he said. “A lot of people know to wash their hands, but they may not know that you shouldn’t prepare your salad where you cut up your chicken. There are a lot of things that just aren’t intuitive to people that we have to teach.”

Gary Knickerbocker, food services officer for all appropri-ated fund food facilities at Robins, said the inspections that his facilities undergo each month keep him and his work-ers on their toes.

“We can’t be too cautious when it comes to food poison-ing and the way we handle food, especially when you feed such a large volume of people like we do,” he said. “We feed crew members and pilots that can’t afford to have even an upset stomach. Even though we have some deficiencies every now and then, we realize how impor-tant these inspections are and that it’s a team effort to ensure food safety.”

CDCs celebrate reading, Dr. Seuss’ birthday

Second Lt. Allegra Mickles reads to 3-year-olds in Lisa Smith’s class at the Child Development Center East March 3. Xavier Hicks sits in her lap. The centers celebrated reading and Dr. Seuss’ birthday by eating green eggs and ham for breakfast March 2, and inviting parents to read to their child’s class.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

If you like green eggs and ham
Even if your name's not Sam
This week the Robins CDC
Was the place for you to be.

Big kids, little kids, they all ate ham
And green eggs in their mouths did cram.
They giggled and ogled and filled up with glee
Truly a funny and bright sight to see.

The man whose drawings and words were such fun
Who lit children's minds with brilliance and pun.
Came alive on a day he's remembered the most
"Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss" was heard coast to coast.

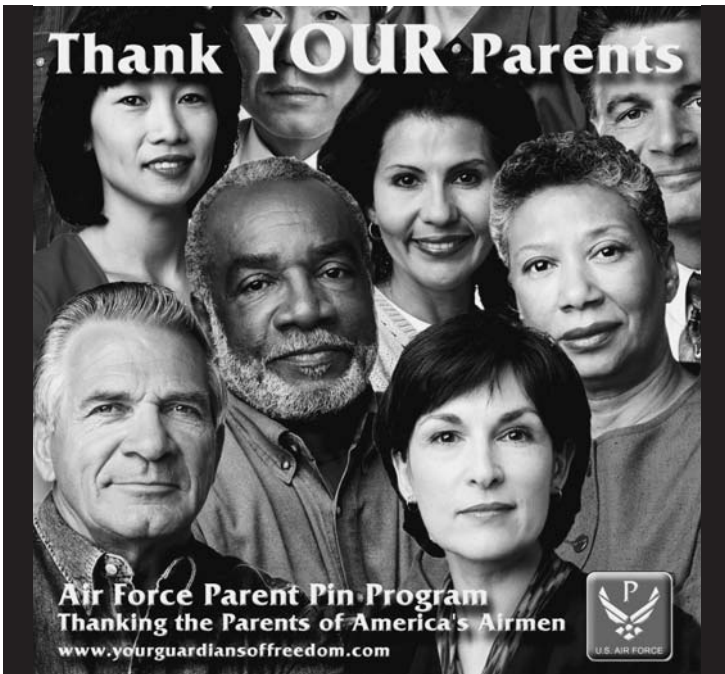
Remembering a man with a style that was grand

A man who with rhymes took a definite stand.
To make reading stories a fun thing, not work
And put in his poems and rhymes such a quirk.

We never, no never, knew what he would write
Towns such as Whoville came clearly in sight
Horton whose fame was hear-ing a who
Yertle the Turtle, The Jungle of Nool.

Kids who would not, could not read
Changed their minds with lightning speed
When they entered a world of the unsurmisable
The wonderful world of Theodor Seuss Geisel.

— Chrissy Zdrakas





U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Sgt. John Watson, from the Royal Air Force's Tactical Communications Wing, keeps a watchful eye as his group moves tactically through the woods during training with the 5th MOB Feb. 25.

foreign EXCHANGE

Royal Air Force instructors learn American way at MOB school

Sgt. John Watson makes his way through the woods.

Cpl. Tony Dickinson, from the Royal Air Force's Tactical Communications Wing, responds to an attack on his group.



By Holly L. Birchfield
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Three combat communications instructors from the Royal Air Force's Tactical Communications Wing recently came to Robins to join the mob – the 5th MOB that is.

Sgt. John Watson, Sgt. Gav Atkinson and Cpl. Tony Dickinson, who teach field communications at Scampton Royal Air Force Base, England, recently joined more than 50 students at the 5th Combat Communications Group's Combat Communications Readiness School to attend three weeks of communications training.

First Lt. Jason Fields, the school's training flight commander, said having the British troops here is a learning experience.

"These guys are coming here and gaining some experience in how we train that they can take back to their unit and maybe use there," he said. "It's just one more step in what our commanders hope is going to be a continuing exchange of experience and exchange of information to make both units better."

Corporal Dickinson agreed and said he couldn't have asked for a better way to train.

"It's good fun," he said. "We're seeing it from the other side, which is bringing back some relevant points we can

bear in mind when we're teaching. As the course progresses, I'm seeing more and more things that are slightly different to how we do things. So, as the course goes on, hopefully, I'll be able to extract more and more information to take back with us and implement into our course."

Maj. Daryl Neal, 51st Combat Communications Squadron commander, said the experience equips the two forces to work better together in the future.

"The Royal Air Force and the U.S. are each other's biggest allies," he said. "We fight together, so it makes sense that we would train together."

According to Lieutenant Fields, the British troops will be allowed to meet with MOB school instructors one-on-one to get a more in-depth understanding of the training.

Sergeant Watson has worked with the U.S. Air Force on previous missions and said the experience has been a positive one.

"Being in the United States is brilliant," he said. "The support the staff here has offered us has been fantastic and getting our skills keyed up together is going to benefit both forces in the long run."

The 5th CCG plans to send a group of its own troops to train with British troops in late spring.



Sgt. Gav Atkinson, from the Royal Air Force's Tactical Communications Wing, makes his way over a log obstacle.

Cpl. Tony Dickinson teaches field communications at Scampton Royal Air Force Base, England.



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2005 FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the following public holidays for federal employees. Please note that most federal employees work on a Monday through Friday schedule. For these employees, when a holiday falls on a nonworkday – Saturday or Sunday – the holiday usually is observed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

MAY	JULY	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Monday, May 30: Memorial Day	Monday, July 4: Independence Day	Monday, Sept. 5: Labor Day	Monday, Oct. 10: Columbus Day	Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Dec. 26: Christmas Day
{ MARCH, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST } no federal holiday					

SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club

The club will hold a St. Patty’s picnic with free hot dogs and hamburgers Thursday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the club, Building 186, on Perimeter Road. Members who bring friends to sign up for a club membership will receive a coupon for a free grilled steak dinner at the Base Restaurant and new members will receive the same. Airmen E-1 through E-4 who show their GO card and join the club at the picnic will receive a \$25 AAFES gift certificate and a CD case. GO program grand drawings to give away a digital camera, Xbox and more will be held during the picnic for those who have dropped off completed GO program entry forms at the bowling center or completed online GO surveys.

Child Development Centers East and West

Kite day will be held at the centers 3 - 4 p.m. March 18.

Club membership

You could win a \$500 or \$1,000 vacation travel voucher to help finance your next vacation when you join the Robins Aero Club, Enlisted Club, Officers’ Club, or become an annual green fee player at Pine Oaks Golf Course now through April 30, 2005, during the Members Wanted - It’s Where You Want to Be! club drive. Current club members have a chance of winning these prizes too.

The aero club, enlisted club, officers’ club and the golf course are open to all Department of Defense employees serving Robins, as well as active duty, Reserve, and retired military and DoD civilians. All new club members will receive a coupon booklet valued at more \$100 to include free steak dinner, free bowling and golf, discounts at

equipment rental and more. For more information concerning club membership and annual green fee features, options and benefits, please call the officers’ club at 926-2670, the enlisted club at 926-4515, the aero club at 926-4867 or the golf course at 926-4103.

Enlisted Club

Play Double Up Bingo Wednesday and March 31. All regular games pay double with a \$1,000 game to go. Does not include special or jackpot games.

A Texas Hold ‘Em tournament will be held Sunday with a practice and warm-up session from 2 - 2:45 p.m., sign-ups starting at 2:45 p.m. and games starting at 3 p.m. Prizes to be given to the winners of the first round session and first through eighth places of the final round. The tournament is limited to the first 64 players. Cost is \$5 members and \$10 nonmembers. For more information call the enlisted club.

A St. Patty’s Day celebration is scheduled from 5 - 7 p.m. Wednesday. Enjoy food, prizes and fun.

Family Child Care

Active duty and retired military spouses are eligible to begin a home-based career in Family Child Care. Benefits include free training, networking with professionals, setting your own income and hours. For more information on a career in Family Child Care, call Vera Keasley at 926-6741.

Monthly FCC provider training will be held 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. March 19 at the community center. Topics will include fire safety, health and sanitation, nutrition, positive guidance and child abuse reporting and prevention.

Information, Tickets and Travel

ITT has tickets to the Macon Southern Pro Bull Riders Rodeo. The rodeos will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 1 and 2 at the Shrine Park in Macon. Tickets cost \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for children 10 and younger.

ITT has tickets available to “Movin’ Out” April 2 at 2 p.m. for \$59 until March 21. This production will be held at the Fox Theatre, Atlanta.

Explore and expand your horizons at the ITT Safari Travel Show Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Visit booths from travel and amusement representatives.

ITT has tickets for Champions on Ice at 3 p.m. April 17 at the Philips Arena in Atlanta. See performers such as Michelle Kwan, Elvis Stojko and Victor Petrenko. Cost is \$41 or \$25, depending on seating preference.

Officers’ Club

A St. Patty’s Day Boss N’ Buddy night will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. Members are invited to enjoy free tacos, wings and beverage specials. A trivia contest will be held with a prize given for the unit with the most participating members.

A super seafood buffet will be offered March 18 starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$14.95 and includes all of your favorite seafood catch.

Outdoor Recreation

Summer hours have begun at Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental, located in Building 914 by the BX Furniture Store and post office. The hours are Monday through Friday from 8 am. - 5 p.m. and

Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pizza Depot

Pizza Depot March special is stir-fry broccoli and chicken with fried rice and drink for only \$5.25.

Services Marketing

Subscribe to the new Services Cutting Edge electronic newsletter by going to www.robins.af.mil/services and clicking on the subscribe icon at the top of the page. Subscribe to the overall Services newsletter or to only those activities that are of interest to you.

Smith Community Center

Enter the base-level Air Force Chess contest slated for 10 a.m. Saturday in the community center. The contest is open to all active duty members, DoD civilians, contractors, retirees, and family members. Active duty winners have the opportunity to advance to the next-level of the Air Force Chess tournament. For more information, call 926-2105.

March 3C events for units to earn pogs towards the traveling trophy:

■ **Calligraphy classes** will be held Thursdays from 10 - 11 a.m. at the Skills Development Center. Cost is \$10 per person. **Scroll saw classes** will be held March 23 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Wood Hobby Shop for \$10 per person. Customers can earn a pog for attending these classes and two pogs if they bring a friend.

■ Participants can earn pogs at the Bowling Center **Thunder Glow-in-the-dark bowling** March 18 from 9 - 11 p.m.

■ Singles and families are welcome to play **family disc golf** March 19 at 11 am. For more information, call the fitness center at 926-2128.

■ Four-member teams are invited to earn pogs at a **Giant Trivia game** March 23 at 6 p.m. at the community center. Participants will answer trivia questions to move across a giant game board. To register, call 926-2105 or e-mail lynne.brackett@robins.af.mil.

■ **The Colossal Cookie Challenge** will be March 31 at the community center. Participants may enter at least one dozen cookies, prepared at home, to be judged on taste, appearance and creativity. The challenge has five categories: decorated holiday and special occasion, no-bake, healthy, cookie-maker and dietary cookies. Judging starts at 11 a.m. and winners will be announced following the tabulation of judging sheets. The top finisher in each category will be advanced to the MAJ-COM level to compete against other AFMC base-level winners. All entries will receive a participation certificate and a pog. More than one person per unit/squadron may enter the contest. Register by completing a form at the community center by March 29.

Teen Center

The Air Force Space Camp will be held July 31 - Aug. 5 at the United States Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. Applications are available at the youth or teen centers for kids ages 12-18. Recommendation letters, 100 words or less from two significant adults in the kid’s life other than his or her parents, must accompany the application. The deadline for applications and letters is March 22. This program is open to family members of active duty and retired military, DoD civilians and active duty Air National Guard and reserve members. For more information, call Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Today
7:30 p.m. – Phantom of the Opera – Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum

A disfigured musical genius haunts the catacombs beneath the Paris Opera, waging a reign of terror over its occupants. When he falls fatally in love with the lovely Christine, the Phantom devotes himself to creating a new star for the Opera, exerting a strange sense of control over the young soprano as he nurtures her extraordinary talents. He’s smitten and wants Christine for his own, but Christine meets up with her childhood acquaintance Raoul and the two fall in love. Feeling betrayed, the Phantom decides to kidnap her and imprison her with him in his lair. Raoul is now the only one who can stop him.

Rated PG-13 (brief violent images) 143 minutes

Saturday
7:30 p.m. – The Wedding Date – Debra Messing, Dermot Mulroney

Kat Ellis’s worst nightmare is about to come true. Not only is her younger, half-sister, Amy, getting married before her, but to add insult to injury, the groom’s best man is Kat’s ex-fiancée, Jeffrey. Unable to bear the thought of attending alone, she hires an escort to play her boyfriend. Her rented date fits the bill perfectly. He’s handsome, intelligent, well-spoken, and a perfect gentleman. The plan? Make Kat’s ex sorry that he ever let her go.

Rated PG-13 (sexual content and dialogue) 90 minutes



CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Volunteer resource program

The FSC will offer a presentation on volunteer opportunities on base and in the local community Tuesday from 9 - 11 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop will be Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Building 905, room 141. Representatives from Military Personnel Flight, Transportation Management Flight, Accounting and Finance, the Housing Office, Legal Office, TRICARE, Family Advocacy, and Air Force Aid Society will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

Resume and cover letter

Reservations are being accepted for a resume and cover letter workshop Wednesday, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Sponsorship training

The FSC will offer training for beginner and experienced sponsors March 24, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex. The training includes information on what to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it and different ways to communicate with the inbound member.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a non-profit organization funded by the

United Way, will conduct a free “Money and Credit Management” workshop March 25, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, room 127. A comprehensive workbook will be provided, and information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented. This workshop is open to all Team Robins members.

Transition assistance

Transition Assistance has in place a four-step process for use in ensuring active duty personnel are fully prepared to separate from the military. Classes are offered throughout the year. Additionally, personnel approaching separation are required to schedule a pre-separation before attending TAP related classes.

Relocation assistance

Relocation Assistance at the FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout. A Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service (SITES) that has information on all military installations worldwide is also available. For more information, contact Relocation Assistance at 926-3453.

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered twice weekly by the FSC readiness team. Briefings are conducted at 9 a.m., Mondays and Fridays in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453.

Job fair

The FSC and Georgia Department of Labor will host a job fair May 20, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Museum

of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. More than 50 employers are expected to attend. The fair is open to veterans, Team Robins members, eligible family members, and the Middle Georgia community. Bring your resume and come dressed to interview.

Career focus

Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilians to identify skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. With increased access to employment opportunities and information, this service will help people get a head start on a new career. For more information about career concerns or to schedule an appointment, call 926-1256.

Car care program

The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force members serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two certificates during the yearlong assignment. This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the Base Service Station for free oil and filter change, (\$20 value), chassis lubrication and a safety inspection.

Certificates are issued to the spouse at the Family Support Center after verification of the member’s remote tour, TDY/deployment. If the safety inspection at the service station reveals safety concerns, the spouse may approach

the Air Force Aid Society office to apply for an interest-free loan.

To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member’s orders by the FSC.

Airman’s attic

The Airmen’s Attic program supports junior enlisted members that are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the attic to find items to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances and decorative items. The attic also provides children’s clothing, toys and military uniforms. Large items such as chairs, couches, washers, dryers, entertainment centers, desks and tables are donated to the Airman’s Attic. These larger items are passed on to junior enlisted members by way of a “Wish List.” Airmen are encouraged to visit the Attic and list their needs on the wish list.

Morale call program

Standard morale calls are conducted over the DSN with a regular telephone. The military member provides the DSN number, where he or she is located, to the family member. The family member calls the FSC at 926-1256 to receive a control number. Once a convenient time for both the military member and the family member is chosen, the family member calls the base operator at 926-1110 to make the morale call. Please choose a time wherein both parties can complete the entire 15-minute conversation within one call. The videophone morale call must be conducted at the FSC. Videophone Morale Calls are made using the VIATV system.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

■ Wear your favorite college basketball apparel during March Madness and pay \$1.50 per game, as long as your team stays in the tournament.

■ Wear a green outer garment or a green piece of jewelry to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day March 17 and bowl three games for \$3 during open bowling from 1 - 10 p.m.

Fitness Center

■ Anyone interested in coaching the base varsity men’s or women’s softball team must submit a resume by Thursday to John Enterman, fitness center director, or Kenneth Porter, sports director. For more information, call the fitness center at 926-2128.

■ Letters of intent for golf are due April 1 at the fitness center.

Golf Course

■ A Couples Outing will be held from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Saturday. Cost is \$20 per couple plus green fee and golf car. Call 926-4103 for reservations.

■ Pine Oaks Golf Course has Friday dates

open for tournaments. This par-71 course features four sets of tees to challenge golfers of all skills levels. Open dates for Friday tournaments include the following: March 25, April 8 and 15, May 13, July 8, Aug. 5, 12 and 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4,11,18 and 25. For more information, call Dave Semel at 926-4103.

■ Link Up 2 Golf offers participants more than \$300 in savings for \$99 per person. The program includes eight hours of instruction, complimentary club rental, free shirt and ball mark repair tool. Link Up 2 Golf will conclude with a three-hole graduation scramble. Register now for the March 22 class.

■ An after school golf program is scheduled for March 22 - 24 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. for 7 to 9 year olds. Classes are limited to six students per class. Additional classes for other age groups will start in April. Cost is \$50 per student.

■ A spring break junior golf clinic will be held March 28 - 31. Times are 8:30 - 10 a.m. for 7 to 9 year olds, 10:30 am. - noon for 10 to 12 year olds and 1 - 2:30 p.m. for 13 year olds and older. Cost is \$60 per student. For more information, call 926-4103.

Young Astronauts’ Day considered a success

Museum of Aviation

More than 600 people attended the Museum of Aviation’s annual Young Astronauts’ Day Saturday. The event featured 17 hands-on workshops and featured NASA astronaut Roger Crouch. Young Astronauts’ Day is a fun-filled day of exciting, educational workshops for grades 3-8. Participants attended four workshops, two of their choice and two assigned by the museum’s education department. The workshops varied in experiences from rocketry to parachute egg drop to a U-2 workshop where students learned about the U-2 spy plane and tube food.

An authentic space suit was also on display to allow students to learn about what it’s like to be an astronaut.

“What a great day we had



U.S. Air Force photo by Tonya L. McClure NASA astronaut Roger Crouch conducts a workshop for YAD participants Saturday.

here on Saturday,” said Museum of Aviation Education Director Melissa Spalding. “We were thrilled to be able to offer this program to our children and hope that we have left a positive impression about science and exploration. Young

Astronauts’ Day is an incredible opportunity for students to learn from leaders in the science field.”

This year the Museum of Aviation welcomed Mr. Crouch, Directorate of Space Exploration at NASA, as the keynote speaker for the day’s opening ceremony. He is a senior scientist for the International Space Station and has flown two shuttle missions.

Mr. Crouch spoke about his desire as a young child to become an astronaut and his experiences in space. He reminded participants to never give up their dreams, and always shoot for the stars.

The event was sponsored by the Air Force Association, Dixie Crows, Middle Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center, Starbase Robins, and the Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center.



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

Fifty-one were honored at the 2004 Camellia Gardens Memorial Service. The service is a patriotic tribute to deceased military and civilians who were assigned or worked at Robins. The ceremony is a tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce.

Camellia Gardens Memorial Service set for May 26

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The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service that pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins Plus will take place May 26 at 10 a.m. in the tranquil, picturesque garden across from the Officers’ Club. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place at the Base Chapel.

The service, a moving, patriotic tribute to departed military members and civilians who were assigned or worked at Robins, is a 29-year tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce. The three teamed up in 1976 to establish and dedicate the garden, which memorializes the dead by celebrating life. Throughout the

year, the garden teems with blossoms, birds, squirrels and other wildlife, and provides a place of remembrance for families and friends of the departed.

At the garden’s entrance, a brick and mortar wall displays on gold plaques the names of 1,306 to date, who have been honored in past memorial ceremonies.

The annual ceremony is a project of the 78th Air Base Wing’s Administrative and Compliance Office. Diane Gross, project officer, is accepting submissions for people to be memorialized this year. Honorees can be civilian or military members.

To honor someone, the following information should be sent to Ms. Gross at 78th ABW/XPRA, no later than April 22.

■ Complete name and, if military, rank of the person to

be honored. If military, designate active-duty or retired and branch of service

■ Birth and death dates

■ Reproducible photo – preferably black and white and at least 2x3

■ Family-related information, such as name, address, and phone number of next of kin

■ Name, address, and telephone number of the person or organization nominating the honoree.

■ Military unit or organization honoree was assigned and predominant responsibility while at Robins

There is no fee for someone to be memorialized. However, contributions in the name of the honoree will be accepted.

For information about the ceremony, contact Ms. Gross at 926-6203 or diane.gross@robins.af.mil.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

Pre-deployment, remote briefings time change

Family Support Center Readiness pre-deployment and remote briefings will be held at 9 a.m. Mondays and Fridays at the FSC Building 945.

ASMC luncheon

The American Society of Military Comptrollers March luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Officers’ Club ballroom. The program will be “Transformation of the Financial Managers Career Field and AF Knowledge Now” and the guest speaker will be Michael Holmes, Comptroller Plans Division chief, AFRC/FMX. Cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. To attend, R.S.V.P. by Monday with a ticket representative: Kathy Piper at 327-1410, Amy Galeazzo at 222-0381 or Cynthia Drosos at 926-2475.

OSC Scholastic Achievement Awards

The Officers’ Spouses Club is offering scholarships for graduating seniors and continuing education students. Graduating high school seniors who are enrolled in public or private schools or who are home schooled and meet eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply. Continuing education students (dependents) must be beyond the freshman year. All applicants must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning. Eligibility criteria and application packets are available at the Robins Thrift Shop, Family Support Center, Robins Education Center, and at counselors’ offices of local area high schools. For more information, contact Kitty Addington, scholarship chairperson, at 923-9532 or daleandkitty@hotmail.com. All applications must be postmarked no later than Tuesday.

Troops to Teachers

Bill Kirkland, representative for the Troops to Teachers program, will be at the Robins Education Center, Building 905, Room 138, Wednesday from 10 - 11 a.m. to answer questions about the cooperative program between the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Defense that provides referral and placement assistance to men and women who have served the nation as members of the Armed Forces and who are seeking a second career as teachers in public schools. No reservations are necessary. Information about the new Spouse to Teachers program will be also be covered in this month’s briefing. For more information, contact Mr. Kirkland at bill.kirkland@gapsc.com or visit www.proudtoserveagain.com.

OSC meeting

Join the Officers’ Spouses Club for their monthly meeting and dinner Thursday in the Officers’ Club ballroom. Social begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30. Spouses are invited to this evening function, and there will be several “movie night” themed baskets that will be given away as door prizes. OSC reservations must be made by noon Monday. Call Beth Huber at 922-6628 if your name begins with A-M and call Suzanne Cahill at 329-0489 if your name begins with N-Z. E-mail reservations or cancellations can be made at BethOSC@mindspring.com. New members are welcome.

AFSA meeting

There will be a general membership meeting March 22 at 3 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club - East Wing for the Air Force Sergeants Association. The upcoming convention and election of new officers will be

discussed. If anyone wants to join, contact Master Sgt. Kevin Swogger at 926-5820 extension 101.

Host families needed

Youth for Understanding (YFU) is seeking host families for exchange students for the 2005-2006 school year. The exchange students speak English, have medical insurance, and an avid interest in the American way of life. Volunteer host parents or families provide a place to sleep, three meals a day, and a willingness to introduce the students to America. Students who wish to study abroad in one of the 55 countries that YFU has exchange privileges with are also needed. For more information, contact Tina or Allen Meyers at 953-4576.

Tax center

The tax center is open on a walk-in basis Monday through Thursday. Sign up begins at 11:30 a.m. The center is located in Building 905 on the second floor of the library. Items needed for tax preparation are W-2s for jobs and DITY moves if any, 1099s, 1098s, SSNs, bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit (preferably a voided check), power of attorney if applicable, childcare provider’s name, SSN or tax ID number, address, child care cost, and any other necessary documentation. For more information, call 926-2391/2635.

Reserve Palace Chase/ Palace Front Briefing

The Palace Chase/Palace Front Briefing is held the third Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. in Building 905 (MPF Building) in room 240. The Palace Chase program is an early release program which allows active duty Air Force officers and enlisted to request to transfer from active military service to an Air Reserve Component. The program allows you to transfer to the Air Force Reserve the day after separating from the active duty Air Force. Stop by and see if this is a viable option for you. There are many opportunities in the AF Reserve for you to continue your education, cross train and serve near your home. For more information, call Master Sgt. Danny Varga at 327-7367.

Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Air Patrol is looking for volunteers from the Robins community. Membership is open to citizens age 18 and older, and a cadet program is open for kids age 12-18. The Middle Georgia Squadron meets Tuesdays at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport in the ASA training building from 7-9 p.m. To find out more, go to www.capnhq.gov or contact Todd Engelman at 213-4569 or PlaneFlyr@bellsouth.net.

Company Grade Officers Association

The Company Grade Officers Association helps young officers to broaden or establish a network, develop career opportunities, make new friends, form a social network and get involved in the community. For more information, visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/cgoa> or call 1st Lt. Allison Guillaume at 327-2659 or 2nd Lt. Niklaus Pleisch at 222-2320.

Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call James Tingerthal at 929-4871 or Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

Girl Scouts and leaders needed

Girl Scouts of Robins is looking for girls interested in scouts and is in need of leaders and co-leaders. The troops meet on base. If interested, contact Ginny Luther at (800) 868-4475 extension 133.

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Airmen track terrorists offbase



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BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – Airman 1st Class Rebecca Weston turns in her weapon to Staff Sgt. Sean Morris after a patrol off base. She and other Airmen of Task Force 1041 defend the installation by conducting patrols, searches and other missions.

